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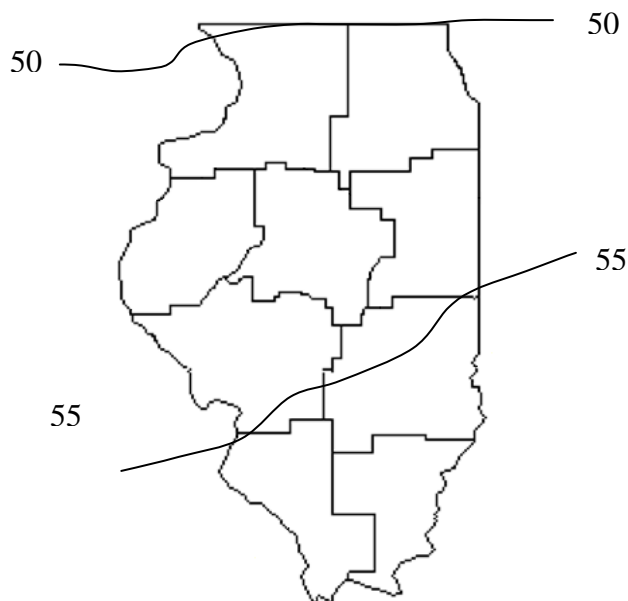
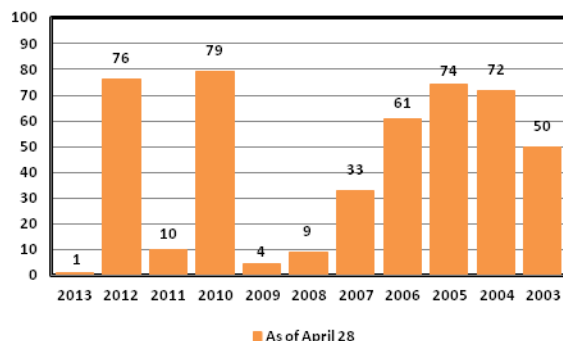
Agricultural Summary

Wet fields are the topic for most farmers across the state. The heavy rains from the week before combined with the cooler than normal temperatures, have many fields still too wet for farmers to get in the fields. There were many reports across the state of flooding along rivers and streams along with standing water in many fields. There has been no significant planting done yet. Statewide temperatures averaged 49.8 degrees, 6.2 degrees below normal, while the precipitation was at 1.07 inches, 0.22 inches above normal. These cooler temperatures along with the wet fields resulted in 0.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated as 45 percent adequate, and 55 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated as 3 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus. The main farm activities for the week included planter and equipment preparation along with tending livestock. Corn planting is still at only one percent, even though there were reports of some planting done in the Central part of the state, in sandy soils over the weekend. The acreage planted was not significant. Last year at this time, corn planted was at 76 percent and the five-year average for corn planting is 36 percent. Oat planting continues to increase and is now at 32 percent, compared to 98 percent last year and 79 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 2 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Pasture conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 51 percent good and 18 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

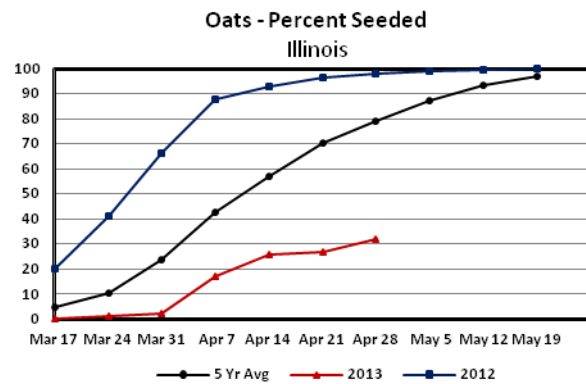
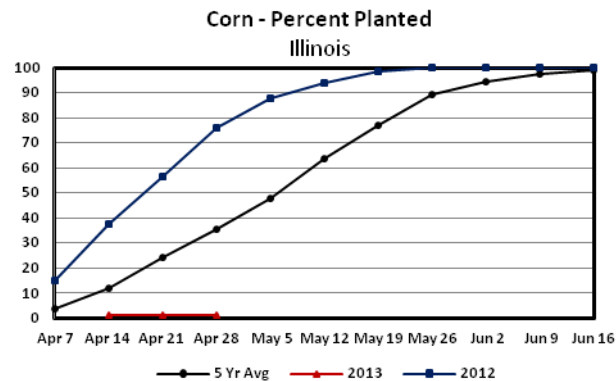
	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Year Average
April 28				
CORN:				
Planted	1	1	76	36
OATS:				
Planted	32	27	98	79

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 28, 10 a.m.

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 22 - 28					April 28			
Northwest	1.2	-	2	60	38	1	9	79	11
Northeast	0.1	-	-	51	49	-	13	80	7
West	0.2	-	-	49	51	-	-	76	24
Central	0.4	-	-	57	43	-	1	72	27
East	0.1	-	-	64	36	-	1	79	20
W Southwest	0.0	-	-	40	60	-	-	77	23
E Southeast	0.0	-	-	14	86	-	-	50	50
Southwest	0.9	-	-	31	69	-	-	63	37
Southeast	0.8	-	-	19	81	-	-	59	41
State	0.3	-	-	45	55	-	3	72	25

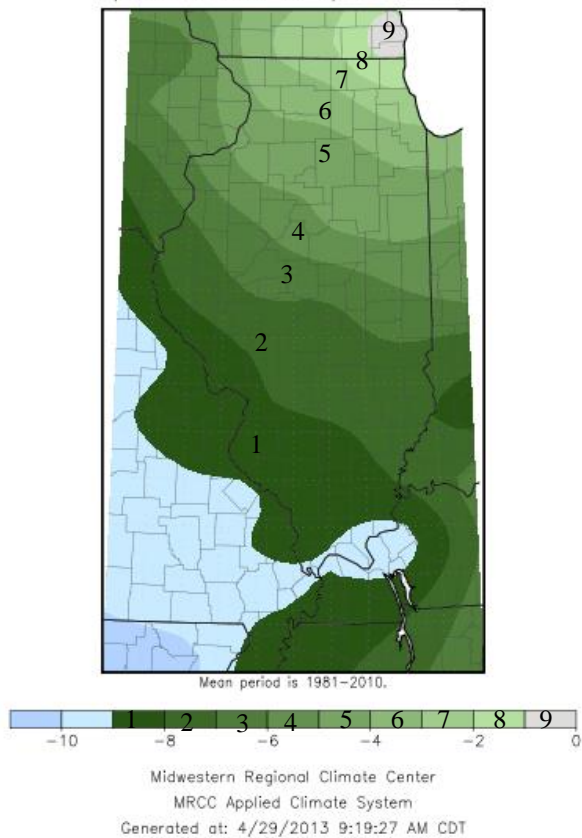


Crop Condition Percents					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 28		
Winter Wheat	-	2	21	61	16
Pasture	1	4	26	51	18

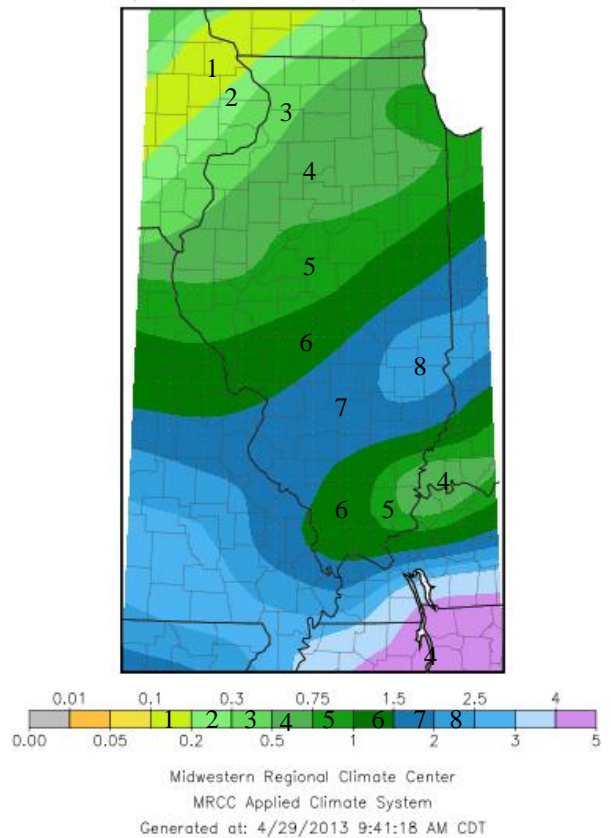
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 22 - 28				
Northwest	49.2	-4.1	0.49	-0.25
Northeast	49.4	-2.8	0.73	-0.09
West	49.1	-7.4	0.70	0.00
Central	49.7	-5.7	0.84	0.12
East	49.9	-4.8	1.06	0.35
W Southwest	49.8	-7.8	1.15	0.29
E Southeast	50.3	-7.2	1.95	1.01
Southwest	50.5	-8.5	1.61	0.56
Southeast	51.3	-7.9	1.01	-0.16
State	49.8	-6.2	1.07	0.22

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
April 22, 2013 to April 28, 2013



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 22, 2013 to April 28, 2013



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